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MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution

FROM:

[REDACTED]
Chief, Legislation Division, OLC

SUBJECT: H.R. 316, "Limitation on Government
Recordkeeping Requirements and
Actions Act of 1981"

1. The Office of Management and Budget has asked for our official views on subject legislation which is being forwarded to you for review and comment. H.R. 316 was recently introduced by Representative Jack E. Hightower (D., TX) with, you will note, the bipartisan cosponsorship of sixty five other House Members including the House Majority Leader, Jim Wright of Texas and Jack Brooks, also of Texas, the Chairman of the House Government Operations Committee, which has been given jurisdiction over the Bill.

2. The Bill, which would have government-wide effect (note definition of "agency", section 2(b) which covers CIA), would establish a type of 4 year "statute of limitations" with regard to any agency "cause of action" or any agency effort to require any person with whom the agency deals to "maintain, prepare, or produce any record" regarding a "transaction or event" that that person may have had with the government agency in question.

3. While on its face the Bill appears not to impact negatively on intelligence equities, it is being forwarded for your review and comment with a view to advising this Office as to whether any provision of the Bill would be debilitating from your perspective. Please address all comments to [REDACTED] Assistant Legislative Counsel, no later than COB Friday, 20 March 1981.

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